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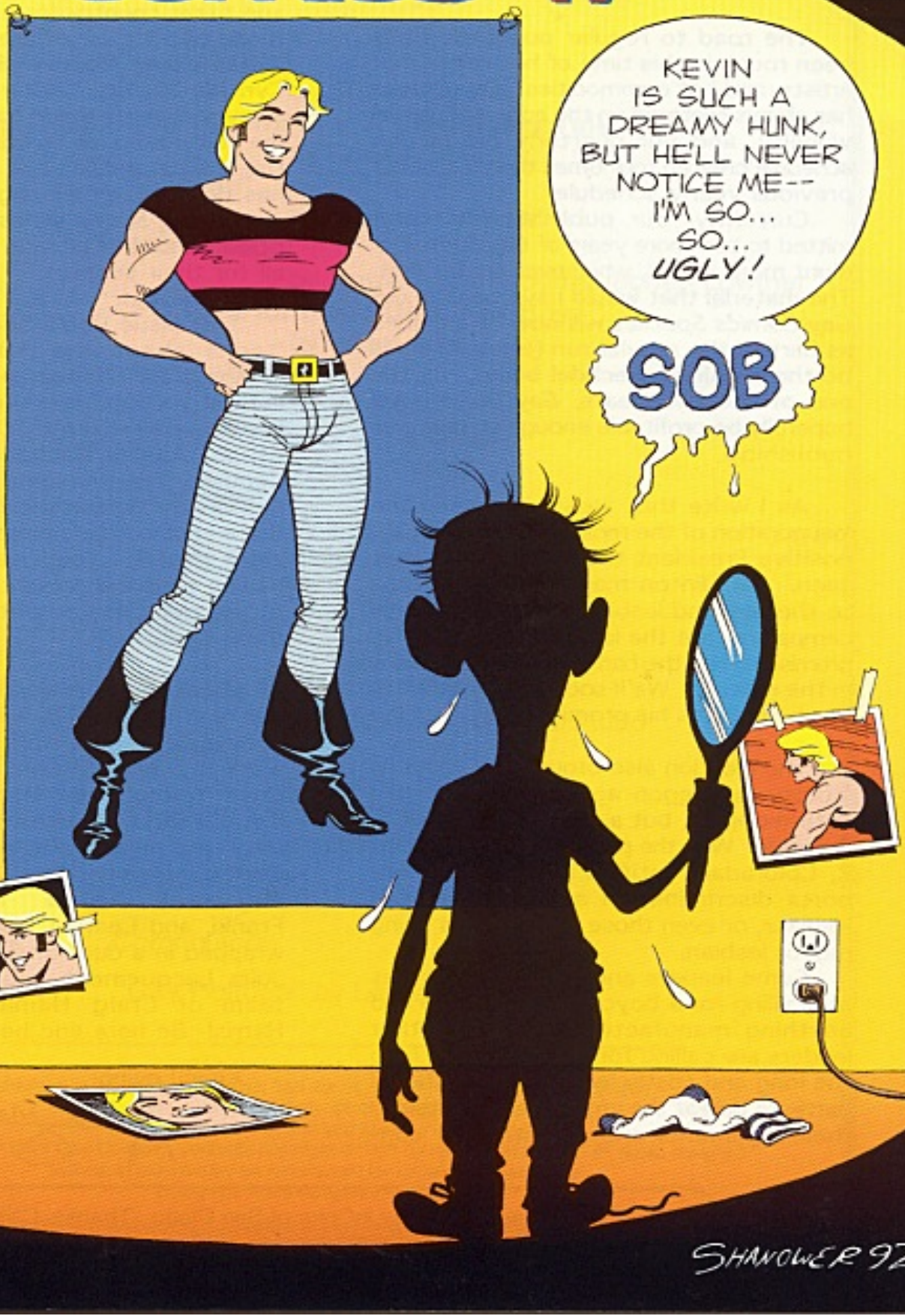

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to *Gay Comics*, and our partially-themed "Political Correctness" issue. Things have certainly changed in both the comic world and the real world since our last issue came out.

The road to regular publication has been rough in this time of hot series, hot artists, and hot commodities. *Gay Comics* has always teetered on the edge of financial viability, and our quarterly production schedule created four times the cost of our previous yearly schedule.

Currently, our publisher has committed to two more years of *Gay Comics*, or eight more issues, whichever comes first. The material that would have been in our *Gay Comics Specials* will now be included as part of the regular run (issue **#19** will be the all-**Alison Bechdel** book). By the end of the two years, *Gay Comics* will hopefully be profitable enough to continue publishing.

As I write this, we've just seen the Inauguration of the most outspokenly gay-positive President the country has ever seen. **Bill Clinton** made many overtures to the gay and lesbian community in his campaigns, not the least of which was his promise to end the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. We'll soon see whether or not he upholds his promises.

The election also brought us a joyous victory in Oregon against the anti-gay hate-mongers, but a shattering defeat in Colorado. With the passage of Amendment 2, Coloradans ratified a law which supports discrimination against gays and lesbians, or even those perceived as being gáy or lesbian.

Some leaders and Hollywood figures are calling for a boycott of Colorado and anything manufactured there. Other leaders are calling for fundraisers to help the long and costly legal and educational battle to defeat the amendment. Listen to their arguments and go with your conscience.

I'm proud to note that many heterosexual comic creators are backing either the boycott or the anti-2 fundraisers, showing their solidarity for a stronger and fairer country for all of us. Among those who I know of are **Art Nichols**, **Ty Templeton**, **Norm Breyfogle**, and **Cynthia Martin**. *Wizard* magazine and *Comics Buyer's Guide* have both allowed me editorial space to bring the issue into the broader public view. **Todd McFarlane** has donated an ad page in his million-plus-selling *Spawn* series to promote *Gay Comics* and the Colorado issue! Thanks to all for their support.

This issue you'll see four pages of 'toons about the **1993 March On Washington**. This project, a "miracle of activist voodoo," was organized by **Leslie Ewing**, *Gay Comix* "Daddy" **Howard Cruse**, **Alison Bechdel**, and **Jennifer Camper**. The foursome approached cartoonists throughout the country to provide these spot-ads for newspapers and magazines to use. You'll see some familiar names, past and present, as well as some future *Gay Comics* contributors, among these cartoons.

Speaking of the March On Washington, our next issue, **#18**, will be out directly before it, early in April. It will include work by **Ivan Velez**, **Jacki Randall**, **Dave Young**, **Sean Martin**, **J.D. March**, **J.A. Fludd**, **Andrea Natalie**, **Joan Hilty**, and myself, plus newcomers **Diana Green**, **Linda Sue Welch**, **Steve Matuszak**, **Laura Rebecca**, **Julie Franki**, and **Leanne Franson**. All this wrapped in a duet of vampire covers by **Julia Lacquement** and the unbeatable team of **Craig Hamilton** and **Tony Harris**! Be here and be queer!

Keep Loving!

Andy Mangels

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ONE DAY IN THE LATE '70s AT SAN ISCARIOT HIGH SCHOOL...
BRRINNGG
ALL RIGHT, CLASS DISMISSED. HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND, EVERYONE.
WHEW! ANOTHER DAY OVER AND NO ONE PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME, THANK HEAVEN!

NOW IF I CAN JUST GET HOME BEFORE ANYONE NOTICES ME--
HEY, LOOK, EVERYBODY! IT'S...

PIZZAFACE!
by Eric Shanower
AAGH!
URP!
GAG!
YUK!

PLEASE, RATSO, PLEASE WON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE FOR ONCE... PLEASE?!
WHERE'S A TOILET?
GANGWAY!
GAGG!
THAT'S MR. RASTOVYCH TO YOU, PIZZAFACE! HAW!
LOOK OUT!
KOOK!

OH, WHY IS MY LIFE SO MISERABLE?
WELL, WELL-- LOOKEE HERE...
BASIC GEOME

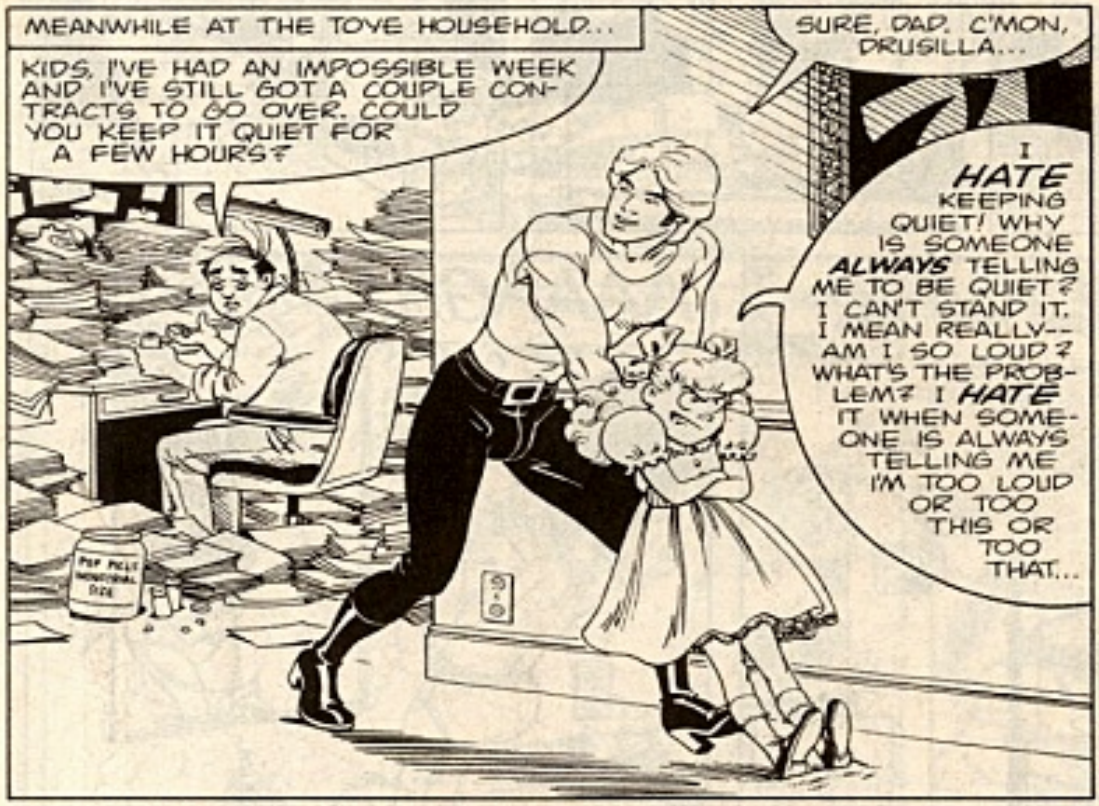
...IF IT ISN'T MISS KEVIN TOYE, QUEEN OF THE HOMOS!
gulp
FAGGOT FAGGOT FAAAAAA-GOT!
?
WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
eep
HA! HA! HA!
SIGH KEVIN'S SO WONDERFUL! OH, KEVIN, IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!
JUST SEEING HIM MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING -- I WISH I HAD THE COURAGE TO TELL HIM I'M GAY, TOO, BUT HE'S A GORGEOUS HUNK AND I'M JUST SCUM.
I'D DO ANYTHING TO GO OUT WITH HIM, BUT HE ONLY DATES CUTE BOYS. LIKE MOST PEOPLE AT SCHOOL, HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I EXIST -- WHICH IS JUST FINE AS LONG AS I LOOK LIKE THIS!
EARLY NEXT MORNING...
WONDER IF MY NIGHTLY DOSE OF OXY-10 HAS DONE ANY GOOD THIS TIME...
CHIP CHIK CHEK
AAAAGH!

SOB! SOB! I EVEN DISGUST MYSELF! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY LONGER! GASP! SOB!
IF ONLY I COULD BE LIKE KEVIN. HE DOESN'T CARE WHAT ANYONE THINKS ABOUT HIM--HE'S GOT CONFIDENCE!

LONG'S PHOTO BLOW-UPS
: SNIF : IF ONLY I HAD A LITTLE CONFIDENCE MAYBE KEVIN WOULD RESPECT ME DESPITE MY LOOKS. MAYBE HE'D EVEN LIKE ME!

SAY, IF I ASKED KEVIN OUT ON A DATE, THAT WOULD PROVE TO HIM I'VE GOT CONFIDENCE. HE'D SEE THERE'S MORE TO ME THAN MY COMPLEXION--AND MAYBE HE'D SAY YES! HECK, WHAT'VE I GOT TO LOSE?

I-I'LL DO IT! I'LL ASK KEVIN OUT! I'LL GO TO HIS HOUSE RIGHT NOW SO THAT HE CAN SEE ME FOR WHAT I AM! NO MORE HIDING FOR ME--FROM NOW ON I FACE THE WORLD!


MEANWHILE AT THE TOVE HOUSEHOLD...
KIDS, I'VE HAD AN IMPOSSIBLE WEEK AND I'VE STILL GOT A COUPLE CONTRACTS TO GO OVER. COULD YOU KEEP IT QUIET FOR A FEW HOURS?
SURE, DAD. C'MON, DRUSILLA...
I HATE KEEPING QUIET! WHY IS SOMEONE ALWAYS TELLING ME TO BE QUIET? I CAN'T STAND IT. I MEAN REALLY--AM I SO LOUD? WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? I HATE IT WHEN SOMEONE IS ALWAYS TELLING ME I'M TOO LOUD OR TOO THIS OR TOO THAT...

BING BONG!
THERE'S THE DOOR-BELL. I BETTER SEND 'EM AWAY BEFORE DAD'S NERVES ARE SHREDDED ANY MORE...
SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR! WHAT A BOTHER! I HATE IT WHEN SOMEONE'S ALWAYS BOTHERING US--PARTICULARLY NOW WHEN DADDY WANTS QUIET! I JUST HATE IT...

SORRY, WE DON'T WANT ANY-- :GAK!:
EEP! IT'S HIM! I'M GONNA WET MY PANTS!
RRRALPHH!!!
HOPE I DIDN'T DISTURB DAD.. :KAFF KAFF:
HI--UH--I'M P-PETE CEPHAS...BUT MOST PEOPLE CALL ME PUH-PIZZAFACE... I--ER--I...WELL, I--
OH, KEVIN, I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU! LET'S GO ON A DATE!
WHAT?!?! NO WAY! :GAG:
I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT! HOW COULD I IMAGINE YOU'D DATE A PUTZ LIKE ME? I'M UNWORTHY OF LICKING YOUR USED KLEENEX! :SOB:
SHUSH! KEEP IT DOWN!
WHAT'S ALL THE RUCKUS OUT THERE ANYWAY? KEVIN, YOU KNOW DADDY WANTS IT QUIET! WHY CAN'T YOU DEAL WITH THESE PROB-LEMS?
SOB! SOB! BAWWWWWLL
QUIET! QUIET! LOOK, IF IT MEANS THAT MUCH, ALL RIGHT! I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU-- JUST SHUT UP!
I REALLY HA--
YOU WILL?! I MEAN...
YOU WILL?
OMIGOSH! WHAT DID I SAY? :uip:
HEY! MAYBE YOU'RE NOT SO BAD... I'VE NEVER SEEN DRUSILLA SO SILENT BE-FORE!

THE DAYS PASS...
YOU'RE BUSY AGAIN?!? BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID LAST NIGHT!
UH, WELL, MAYBE WE COULD GO TO A MOVIE OR SOMETHING... WHERE IT'S DARK!
YOU--YOU'RE ASHAMED TO BE SEEN WITH ME! SNIF YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME!
GEEZ, PIZZA, I PROMISED TO GO OUT WITH YOU AND I WILL--ONCE--IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T WANT EVERYONE AROUND US LOSING THEIR LUNCH--
WAIT A MINUTE, PIZZA! THE SCHOOL DANCE NEXT FRIDAY...HOW ABOUT I PICK YOU UP FRIDAY AT EIGHT?
OCTOBER
YOWZA!
FRIDAY NIGHT...
HALLOWE'EN DANCE?! DIDN'T YOU FORGET SOMETHING--LIKE TELLING ME TO WEAR A MASK?
DIDN'T WANT TO INSULT YOU AGAIN!
SAN ISCARIOT HIGH HALLOWEEN DANCE
AND SO...
KEVIN, LOOK! I WON BEST COSTUME!
WHAT GREAT MAKE-UP!
LOOKS SO REAL!
SUCH A NEAT FACIAL EFFECT!
COOL!
AMAZING CREATIVITY!
HOW DID HE DO THAT?
KEVIN, WANT A SLICE?
URG! NO, THANKS!
ANGELO'S PIZZA
ANGELO'S PIZZA
THE END

ONCE UPON A TIME, I HAD A LITTLE PROBLEM...
IT'S GONNA HAPPEN. I CAN FEEL IT.
YEP. I KNEW IT.
SHIT.
PLOP
OOH! I REALLY HATE THIS!
ZIP
GUGGITY GLUG
IT ALL STARTED AT MY OLD APARTMENT BUILDING, THE PLACE I LIVED BEFORE I MOVED HERE. MR. LEWIS WAS THE MANAGER. HE WAS A BOOZY OLD LECHER.
ONE DAY I CAUGHT HIM IN THE BASEMENT MOLESTING SOME POOR CAT...
KITTY KITTY HEH HEH HEH
ROWR
HEY YOU!
EH?
I TURNED HIM IN TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY. THEN I HAD A LITTLE CHAT WITH THE LANDLORD. MR. LEWIS GOT THE SACK.
I THOUGHT HE WAS CRAZY THAT DAY. JUST BABBLING UTTER NONSENSE...
I'LL GIT YA FER THIS, GIRLIE! WHEN I WAS IN THE MERCHANT MARINES I SPENT TIME IN HAITI! I LEARNED VOODOO! I KNOW HOW TO FIX YOU GOOD! I'M GONNA CURSE YA WITH....
PHTTTT!

... THE ROVING EYE!

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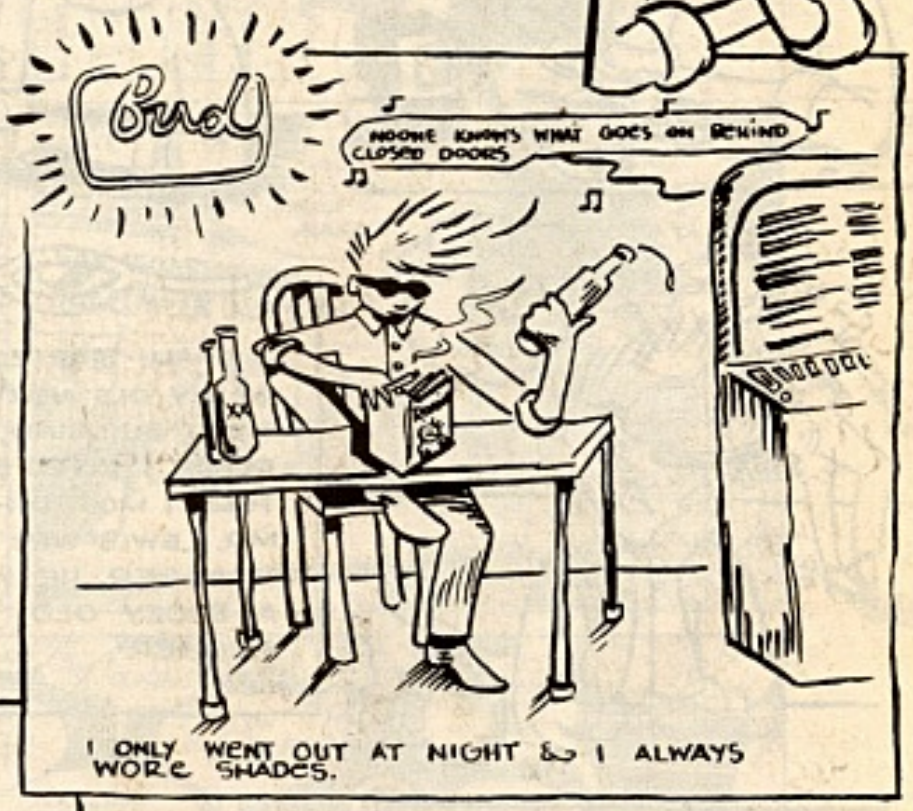
SUDDENLY I WAS A MONSTER ANYTIME A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN CROSSED MY LINE OF VISION, BOING! THERE WENT THE OL' EYEBALL! STRAINING AFTER HER LIKE SOME DAMN DOG ON A LEASH.



FUNNY HOW MUCH DIFFERENCE YOUR FACE MAKES. MY DEFORMITY HAD DRUMMED ME RIGHT OUT OF THE HUMAN RACE.

GOES WITHOUT SAYING I'D GIVEN UP ON WOMEN. WHO WOULD WANT A SIDESHOW FREAK LIKE ME? ANYHOW, THE WAY I SAW IT WAS: DAMES ARE LIKE HEMLOCK - PRETTY TO LOOK AT, POISON IF THEY GET IN YOUR SYSTEM.

GUESS THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEBODY OUT THERE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE. EVEN AN ANGEL LIKE VERA ...

THINGS WENT GREAT FOR ABOUT 6 MONTHS. IT COULD HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY BEAUTIFUL. BUT SHE HAD TO GO & ASK ABOUT THE SHADES. I GAVE HER SOME STORY ABOUT A RARE MEDICAL CONDITION & DESCRIBED HOW SOMETIMES MY EYE WOULD— WELL, YOU KNOW.
SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE EYE. THAT IF I REALLY LOVED HER, I WOULD TAKE OFF MY GLASSES. I WOULD STOP HIDING BEHIND THEM. OH, GOD! WHY DID I EVER DO IT IN A PUBLIC PLACE!
WE WERE AT A CAFE. WE HAD JUST ORDERED TWO COFFEES. THE GAL BEHIND THE COUNTER ASKED FOR MONEY & THAT'S WHEN I NOTICED HER FOR THE FIRST TIME. SHE WAS A REAL LOOKER. TOO BAD...
2 DOLLARS, PLEASE
GRRRR!!
EEEE!
BOING
OH! SO THAT'S WHAT YOUR DISEASE REALLY IS! YOU CAN'T KEEP YOUR EYES OFFA OTHER WOMEN! YOU.. YOU... WOMANIZER! I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!
HOW WAS I TO KNOW SHE HAD SUCH A JEALOUS STREAK?
SNAP!
SHE'S IN SANTA RITA NOW, I HEAR. WE DON'T STAY IN TOUCH. I DON'T MISS MY EYE TOO MUCH... AND THE OTHER ONE — WELL, YEAH, I KEEP IT TO MYSELF, ALRIGHT. ONE DOSE OF 'HEMLOCK'S ENOUGH FOR ME!
THE END

NEW CONTINGENCY GROUPS FOR THE GAY PRIDE PARADE

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LESBIANS WHO LIKE TO FUCK IN THE BACK SEATS OF BIG AMERICAN CARS WITH V-8 ENGINES AND LEATHER INTERIORS
PWA's WHO DON'T THINK THAT AIDS HAS BROUGHT THEM A MORE SERENE APPROACH TO LIFE GOD DAMMIT!
Children of Gay Parents who hate getting dragged along to these stupid parades
GAY MEN WHO HAVE JUST DISCOVERED LESBIANS AND THINK THEY'RE SUCH AN EXCITING NEW TREND!
QUEERS WHO REFUSE TO BE CATEGORIZED
ABORTION IS A RIGHT
NO MORE WIRE HANGERS
AFRICAN AMERICAN SNAP QUEENS FOR CHOICE
SNAP!
SNAP!
BIG MEAN SWEATY DYKES JUST LOOKING FOR TROUBLE
CONSERVATIVE GAYS COMPLETELY HORRIFIED BY MOST OF THE OTHER PEOPLE IN THIS PARADE

NEW·HEALTH·INSURANCE·FORMS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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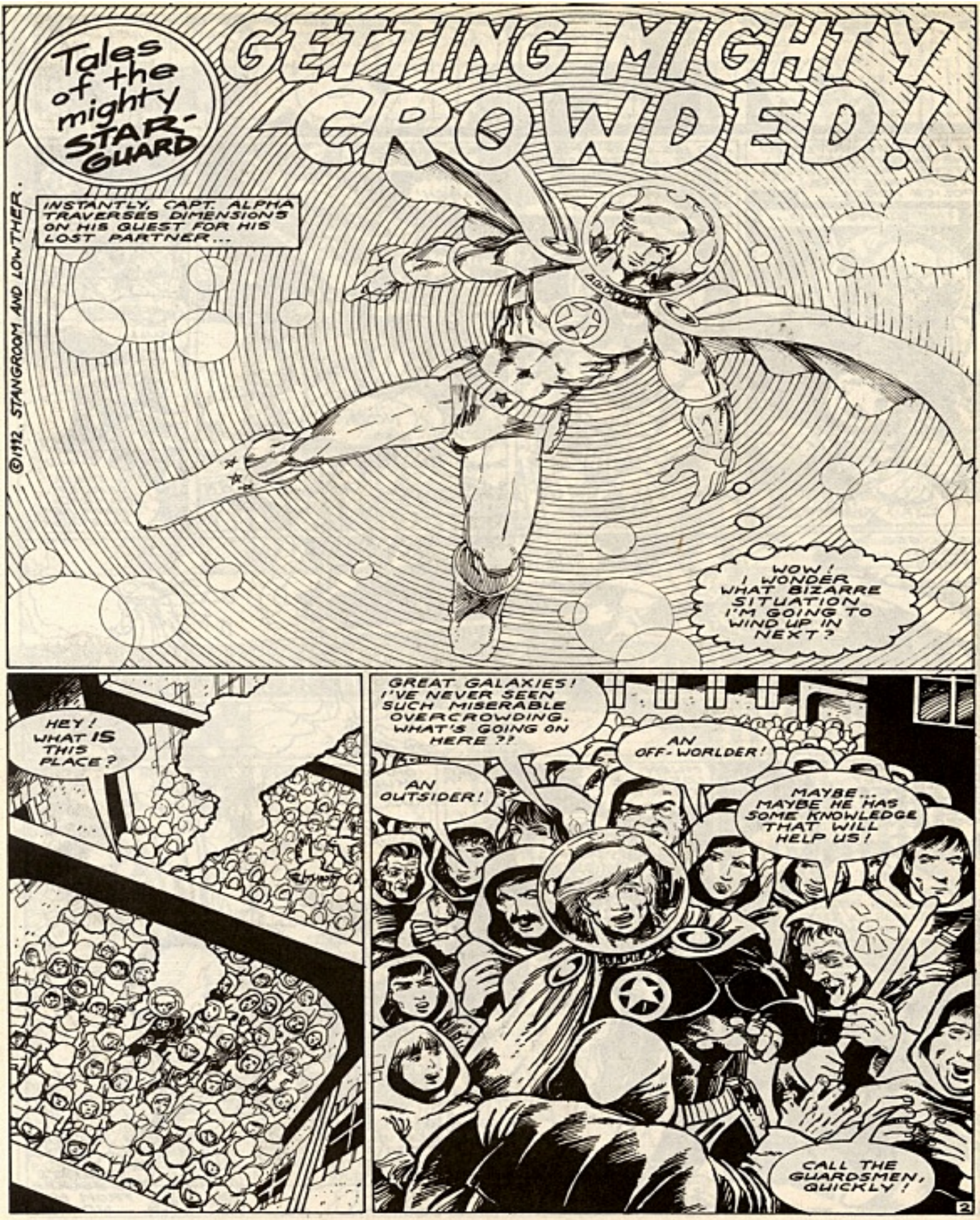
☐ HOMOSEXUAL MALE
☐ BLOOD TRANSFUSION RECIPIENT
☐ BEEN STUCK WITH NEEDLE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IV DRUG USE, PIERCED BODY PARTS, TATTOOS, MEDICAL SHOTS, SEWING ACCIDENTS, OR RITUALS INVOLVING THE PRICKING OF THUMBS AND PRESSING THEM TOGETHER.
☐ PROSTITUTE, DEFINED AS HAVING SEX IN RETURN FOR MONEY, JEWELRY, CLOTHING, FURNITURE, AIRLINE TICKETS, OR BREAKFAST THE NEXT MORNING.
☐ LIVE IN, OR EVER VISITED, NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, PROVINCETOWN, KEY WEST, OR FIRE ISLAND.
HE WAS JUST A FRIEND— WE NEVER HAD SEX...
CAN YOU DOCUMENT THAT?
☐ HAD SEX WITH ANYONE WHOSE SEXUAL HISTORY YOU AREN'T 100% SURE OF, AND WE MEAN REAL PROOF, NOT JUST WHAT THEY TOLD YOU.
☐ HAD SEX WITH ANYONE IN THE PREVIOUS CATEGORIES.
IF YOU CHECKED ANY OF THESE BOXES YOU ARE INELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

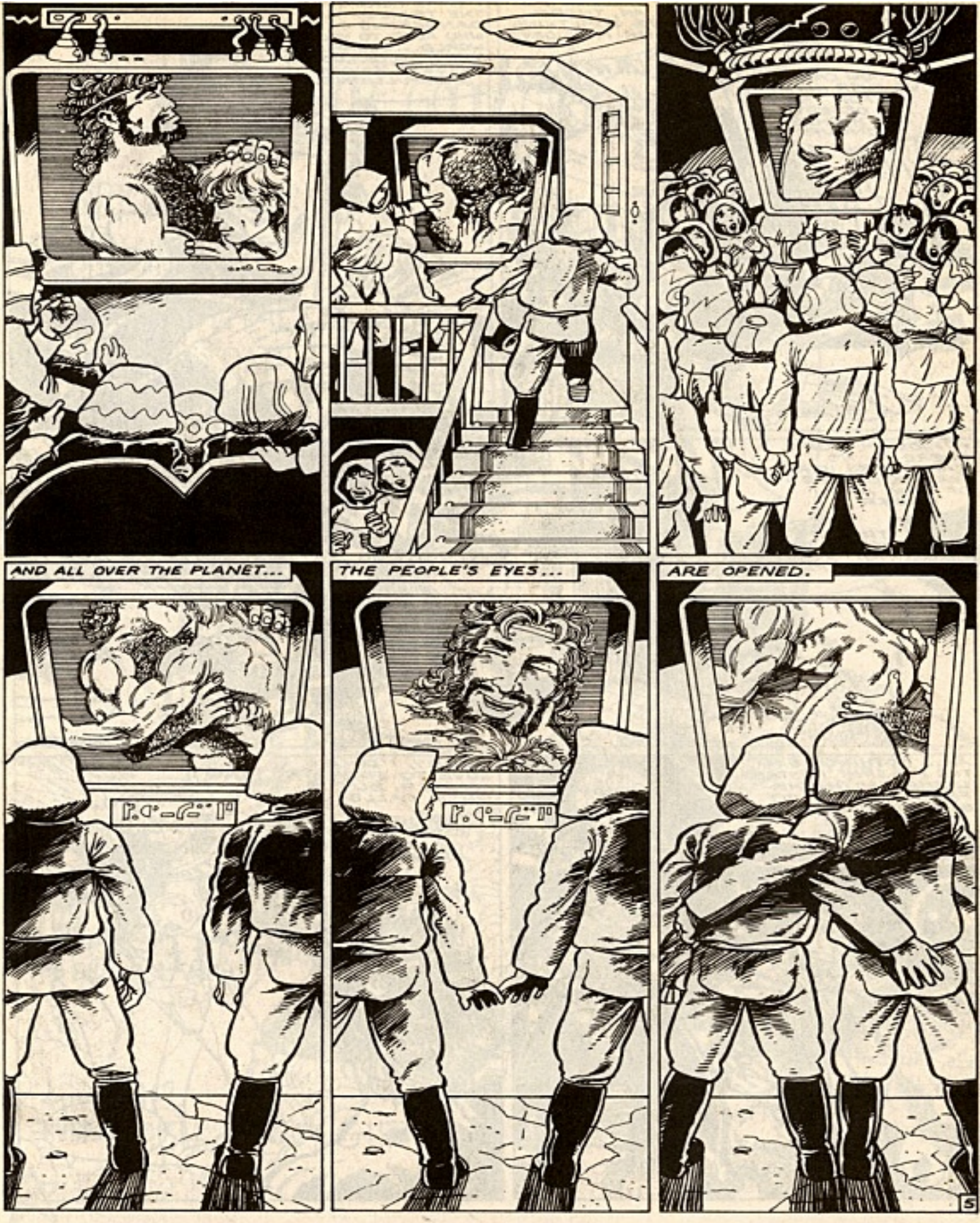
HOT PURSUIT!

IN A BLOODY BATTLE TO THE FINISH, CAPTAIN STEVEN ALPHA OF THE INTERPLANETARY POLICE FORCE...
THE STARGUARD...
AND HIS LONG-TIME LOVER, LIEUTENANT RICHARD NOVA WERE SMASHING THE LAST OF THE MARAUDING SKULL RAIDERS...
WHEN, FROM OUT OF NOWHERE...
AAAGH!
NOVA!
COMMAN-DER SKULL...
... THEIR LEADER... TAKING NOVA AS A HOSTAGE!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!!
WHAT THE...?
MINDPORTING! DAMN!! ONLY ONE CHANCE... GOTTA LOCK INTO THEIR FREQUENCY...
MUSN'T LOSE THE TRACE...
AH! GOT IT!!
OKAY, SKULL...
THERE'S NO ESCAPE FROM ME NOW!!


Tales of the mighty STAR-GUARD
GETTING MIGHTY CROWDED!
INSTANTLY, CAPT. ALPHA TRAVERSES DIMENSIONS ON HIS QUEST FOR HIS LOST PARTNER...
©1112. STANGROOM AND LOWTHER.
WOW! I WONDER WHAT BIZARRE SITUATION I'M GOING TO WIND UP IN NEXT?
HEY! WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
GREAT GALAXIES! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH MISERABLE OVERCROWDING. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
AN OUTSIDER!
AN OFF-WORLDER!
MAYBE... MAYBE HE HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL HELP US!
CALL THE GUARDSMEN, QUICKLY!
2

MINUTES LATER...
STAND BACK, CITIZENS! THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO SPEAK TO THE OUTSIDER!
TRACTOR BEAM ENGAGED... SUBJECT BEING TRANSPORTED.
IF SKULL BROUGHT NOVA HERE, I'LL NEED SOME HELP TO LOCATE THEM...
MAY AS WELL GO ALONG WITH IT FOR NOW...
WE HAVE THE OUTSIDER, SIR.
SO. I SEE.
STEP FORWARD, PLEASE, CAPTAIN.
CAPTAIN? SO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE STARGUARD HERE?
INDEED. THE RADIATION BANDS SURROUNDING OUR PLANET KEEP US PRISONERS HERE...
BUT STILL ALLOW US TO RECEIVE COMMUNI-CATIONS.
WE HAVE HEARD OF THE STARGUARD'S EXPLOITS
WHICH IS WHY... WHEN I HEARD ABOUT YOUR ARRIVAL I RUSHED HERE TO ASK YOUR HELP.
3

YOU HAVE SEEN THE OVERPOPULATION IN OUR CITY, CAPTAIN. THAT IMAGE IS THE SAME EVERYWHERE ON OUR PLANET.
OUR RESOURCES ARE DRAINED; OUR ECOLOGY ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE... AND STILL WE MULTIPLY!
CONTRACEPTION HAS NO EFFECT ON OUR UNIQUE PHYSIOLOGY.
WE DRESS IN SHAPELESS, BAGGY GARMENTS, FORBID EXPOSED FLESH AND UNNECESSARY PHYSICAL CONTACT... BUT NOTHING SEEMS TO HELP!
HPDA
WITH RESPECT, MR. PRESIDENT... I KNOW ONE WAY YOU CAN REDUCE THE BIRTHRATE...
WITHOUT DENYING YOURSELVES PLEASURE.
WHISPER WHISPER WHISPER
INDEED? WHAT AN INTRIGUING SUGGESTION. COULD I PRESS YOU TO A DEMONSTRATION?
GASP!
OH!
WHAT?
HMM...
MR. PRESIDENT, IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE!
GUARDS! GET THIS ONTO THE COMMUNI-CATIONS NETWORK!
SHOW OUR PEOPLE. THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE!


AND ALL OVER THE PLANET...
THE PEOPLE'S EYES...
ARE OPENED.
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THANK YOU, CAPTAIN! SAME-SEX MATING MAY SAVE OUR PLANET!
AH, THERE IS SOMETHING, MR. PRESIDENT.
HOW CAN WE EVER REPAY YOU FOR THIS? YOU DESERVE OUR HIGHEST HONOUR!
I CAME HERE ON THE TRAIL OF A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL WHO FLED TO YOUR WORLD... CLEARLY IN THE HOPE OF LOSING HIMSELF AMONG THE MILLIONS...
A FOOLISH HOPE. THERE IS NO SANCTUARY HERE FOR THE ENEMIES OF LAW AND ORDER.
WE SHALL TRANSMIT HIS IMAGE TO EVERY VISI-SCREEN ON THE PLANET!
HE IS AS GOOD AS CAUGHT, CAPTAIN!!
CAPTAIN?
NNNH!
AH... NOTHING, SIR. THE PSI-LINK I ESTABLISHED WITH THE FREQUENCY OF MY QUARRY'S MINDPORT DEVICE... HE'S MOVED ON.
SORRY, I'D LOVE TO STAY LONGER, BUT DUTY CALLS.
STILL... IF THERE'S TIME...
...I'LL BE BACK!
END

P-C SEXTOYS FOR GOOD GIRLS & BOYS

BIRKINCOCK
BIRKINCUNT
BIRKINCLAMP
BIRKINSTRAP
BIRKINSTOCKINGS
BIRKINBRA

ALL NEW

THE AIR JORDANS OF TITS.
AND NOW FOR THE ROMANTICALLY CHALLENGED:
THE BIRKINCLAMP
THE BIRKIN-MERKIN
PUBES WITH A BUCKLE!
100% COTTON FISHNET PLAID FLANNEL HOSE FOR THE P-C FETISHIST
IN A PICKLE ABOUT GIFTS?
TRY THE BIRKINGERKIN!

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Washington DC
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DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

So... like.. When the people at the front of the March reach the END they just SIT DOWN..... then we ALL sit down!!! It'll be the 1993 SIT on Washington for Lesbian Gay Bi Equal Rights & Liberation!!!!
CD IN DC
(The direct action committee kicks into action.....)

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Washington DC
APRIL 25, 1993

HONEY, IT'S MORE THAN JUST A DRAMATIZATION OF OUR ANGER AT THEIR ANTIPATHY, IT WILL BE A SYMBOLIC UNIFICATION OF THE MANY TRIBAL FACTIONS, BLAH BLAH BLAH...
THIS JUST MIGHT WORK, BUT WITH MY GREY JEANS? NO, NO- MY BLACK JEANS

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Washington DC
APRIL 25, 1993

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Washington DC
APRIL 25, 1993

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

A trip to... Queersville USA

I WAS BORED AND STRESSED OUT WITH MY 9-5 HACK-ISH ART JOB, SO I DECIDED TO TAKE A VACATION.

I BOUGHT A BOOK ABOUT PLACES TO STAY THAT WELCOME GAY AND LESBIAN GUESTS.

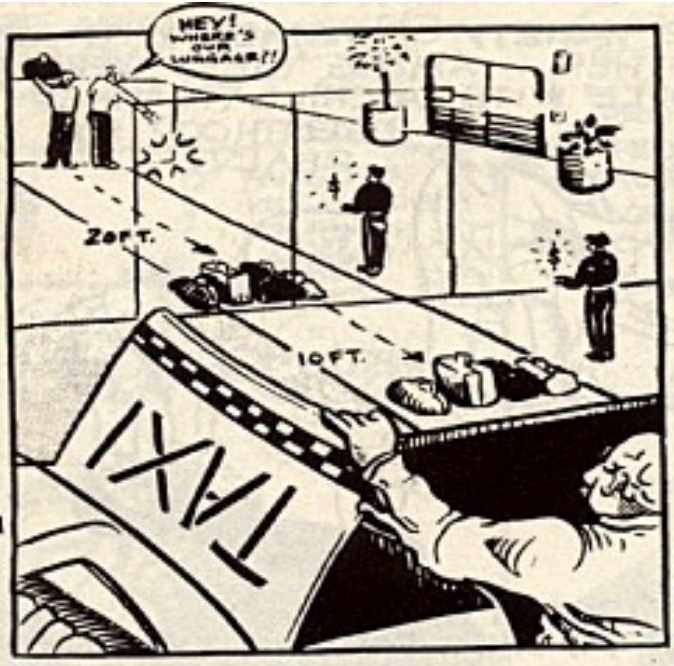
THE BOOK HAD LISTINGS FOR LOCATIONS AROUND THE WORLD. JAMIE AND I (SOMEWHAT ARBITRARILY) CHOSE PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR OVER A MONTH, WE MADE PLANS. MEANWHILE, I WORKED FEVERISHLY...

I APPLIED FOR A CREDIT CARD AND MIRACULOUSLY ONE CAME WITH MY NAME ON IT!

FINALLY, THE DAY CAME TO LEAVE AND SMOOTHLY, SWIFTLY WE HOPPED A JET TO BOSTON!

AFTER A NIGHT IN BOSTON AND PLENTY OF TIPPING SITUATIONS OF WHICH WE WERE NOT AWARE, WE HEADED FOR THE MORNING FERRY THAT WOULD TAKE US TO PROVINCETOWN



IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY, THE BOSTON BAY SPARKLED IN THE SUNLIGHT, AND JAMIE WAS VERY SEASICK.

LATER ON THE FERRY WE MET AN OLD JEWISH MAN NAMED MILTON WHO FLIRTED IN SPITE OF THE OBVIOUS... HE WAS VERY SPRY TO BE 71!

HOW EXCITING! WE HAD ARRIVED! BUT FIRST CAME THE SHORT-BUT-LONG-WITH-50 LBS.-OF-LUGGAGE WALK TO OUR LODGINGS...

IN THE STREETS WERE LOTS OF SAME-SEX COUPLES HOLDING HANDS... AS WELL AS STRAIGHT PEOPLE.

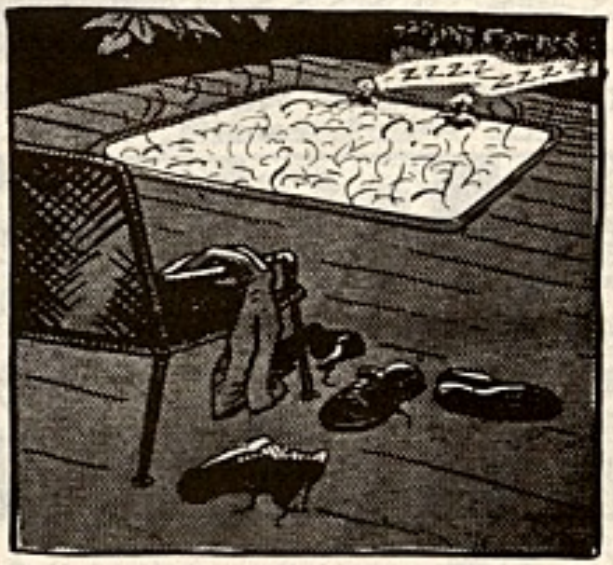
IN THE BREAKFAST ROOM THE **VARIETY** OF **WOMEN** WITH ONE THING IN COMMON CAME TOGETHER... AMONG THEM WERE AN INTERRACIAL COUPLE AND A COUPLE WITH A CHILD (PLANNED PARENTHOOD FOR REAL!)

THE NUDE (SUITS OPTIONAL, ACTUALLY) BEACH WAS SORT OF INTERESTING... (TOOK OFF MY SHIRT FOR TWENTY MINUTES (NOW I CAN SAY I DID).

WON'T JOIN MY BRAVE INHIBITION

WE ATE AT A LOBSTER PLACE... IT TURNED OUT THE CUTE MAID FROM OUR BED AND BREAKFAST MOONLIGHTED AS A BUSGIRL.
KATE CLINTON* WAS AT THE NEXT TABLE!
MORE WATER?
HMMM... ??

WE DISCOVERED THAT THE HOT TUB UNDER THE STARS WAS REALLY THE BEST PLACE TO BE NUDE, AND AFTER THAT WE WEREN'T ALL THAT MOTIVATED TO GO OUT DANCING...



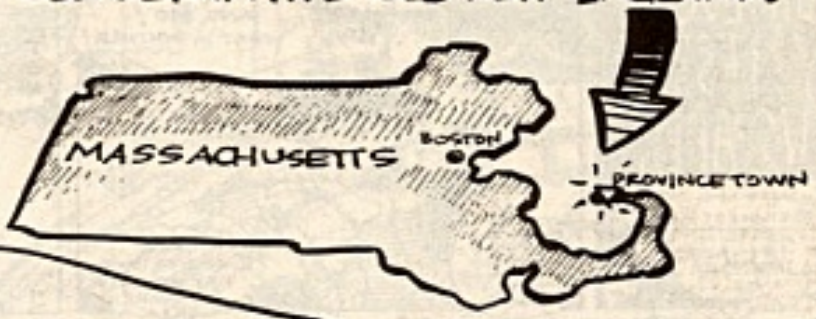
* LESBIAN COMMEDIENNE EXTRAORDINAIRE

THEN, A DISTURBING THING OCCURRED IN THIS RARE MECCA. I HEARD SOME YELLING OUTSIDE OF MY WINDOW BUT COULDN'T SEE ANYONE ...

SHIT! THERE'S ABOUT 500 GILLION PLACES HETS CAN GO AND EVEN BE PROTECTED BY LAW WHEN THEY ATTACK US, SO WHY MUST THEY DRIVE ALL THE WAY TO THE END OF THE CAPE TO BE ASSHOLES?!

THE NEXT DAYS OF THE TRIP DID NOT FEEL AS INNOCENT OR IDEAL, BUT THE SUN STILL SHONE AND WE STILL HELD HANDS IN THE STREETS.

LIFE IS FULL OF AMUSING LITTLE IRONIES TO CHEW ON, AND I'M SURE SOME PEOPLE **CHOKE** ON THE ONE THAT PUT QUEERSVILLE, USA RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF CONSERVATIVE OLD NEW ENGLAND!



WELL, LIFE GOES ON. SOMETIMES, WHEN I'M PAINTING LITTLE BUNNIES FOR THAT CORPORATE PAYCHECK, I DO DAYDREAM OF A MORE **PROGRESSIVE** CIVILIZATION!

HA! THE END FOR NOW!

JulieFRANKi/91

CH-CH-CH-CH-CHANGES
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HONEY! WE'RE HOME!
WE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
TONY, THIS IS LITTLE PYE-WACKET.
ISN'T HE CUTE? ♫
A CAT??
SURE A CAT!
BUT WHAT FOR?
WELL TONY, I'VE BEEN THINKING...YA KNOW, THIS COMIC STRIP IS NEVER REALLY GONNA TAKE OFF UNTIL I BRING IN A FEW MORE CROWD PLEASING ELEMENTS...MOST OF THE REALLY POPULAR HOMO-STRIPS HAVE GOT CATS IN 'EM!
THEY DO TEND TO ADD A CERTAIN HOME-SPUN ADORABLENESS INTO THE PROCEEDINGS!
WELL, I GUESS A CAT WOULD BE OK... WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT OTHER "ELEMENTS"?
UM... I KNEW YOU WERE GONNA ASK ABOUT THAT...
TONY, MEET LORENZO!
EXCUSE ME?!
HE'S OUR HUNKY NEW HOUSE BOY!
DUMB AS A STICK, BUT AWFULLY CUTE!
HE'S OUR SECRET WEAPON TO GET THE MALE READERSHIP UP! THEY TELL ME SEX SELLS... AND, LET'S FACE FACTS HON.. YOU JUST AREN'T DELIVERING ENOUGH IN THAT DEPARTMENT! I FIGURE WE CAN HAVE ALL SORTS OF EROTIC HI-JINX AND WACKY MIX-UPS WITH HIM ABOARD!
WHATTYA THINK?
I THINK YOURE A CALCULATING SCHEMING LITTLE SELL-OUT WHORE!
NO TONY NO!!
NO!! NO! PLEASE STOP! AHHH
THRASH
TOSS
THRASH
JEEZ THESE DEADLINES ARE GETTING TO BE MURDER FOR HIM....

HOW TO READ YOUR LOCAL GAY & LESBIAN NEWSPAPER
INSTRUCTIONS BY ROBERT KIRBY © 1992
WELL FIRST OF ALL, YOU KNOW YOU SHOULD READ THE COMICS FIRST.
HYUK! OH, THAT ETHAN..!
AND MO! WHAT A WHINER!
HAHAHA
ACTUALLY I KIND OF IDENTIFY WITH HER THOUGH
FOR A REVEALING GLIMPSE INTO THE GENERAL LOCAL ZEITGEIST, YOU SHOULD NEXT READ THE "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR"....
OH JEEZ... ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO THINKS THAT THE TERM "QUEER" IS SO OFFENSIVE.... BOY, HE'S REALLY MAD!!
..I WONDER HOW HE FEELS ABOUT "DYKE"? THAT WAS CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE NOT TOO LONG AGO ALSO...
WOW..THIS WOMAN WHO WENT TO "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT" IS REALLY MAD TOO...
AND SO IS THIS GUY FROM [illegible] AND THAT WOMAN FROM [illegible]
NOW YOU'RE ALL SET TO READ THE LATE-BREAKING NEWS.....
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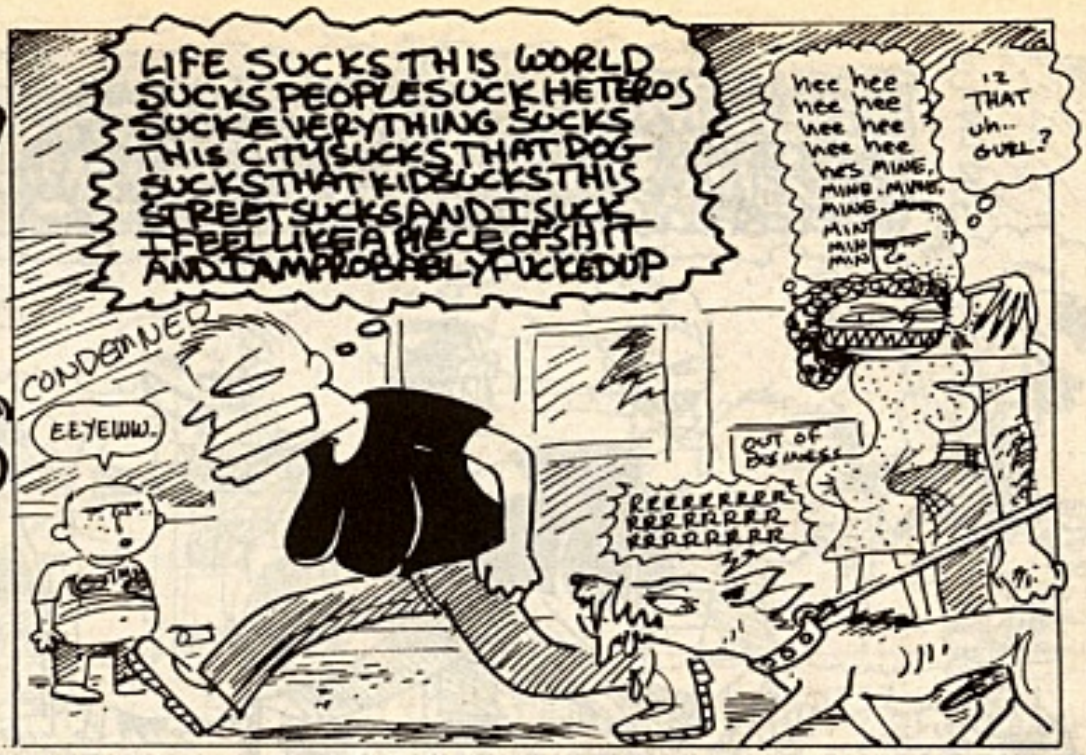
FACISTS!!
DESCRIPTIONS OF HOMOPHOBIC E-VILS.
RRRR!
YOUR IMPOTENT RAGE
REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR ANY WILDLY EROTIC BEEF-CAKE PHOTOS IN THE AD SECTION. (IF YOURE A GUY THAT IS. IF YOURE A WOMAN THEN THERE USUALLY WON'T BE ANYTHING OF INTEREST TO YOU ALONG THESE LINES OF BODY OBJECTIFICATION. IM SORRY.
MY GOODNESS! WHAT A PAIR OF BUNS HE'S GOT!
"HOT MAN-THING" NOW AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL."
HMMMMM...
NOW TURN TO THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SECTION AND READ ABOUT THE PERFORMANCES, EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS THAT YOU MISSED OR PROBABLY CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO...
IF I CAN'T AFFORD TO SEE THE LATEST ART-FAG FILM LIKE "SWOON" THEN HOW THE HELL AM I EVER GONNA GET TO THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON??
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GET A REAL JOB...
PSST! HEY, DON'T FORGET TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE THEATRE FEATURES, OK?
-JUST A LITTLE REMINDER!
AND THE ONLY WAY FOR ME TO GET IN THE DAMN STRIP THIS WEEK.
ANYWAY NEXT YOU CAN READ THE SPORTS AND RECREATION SECTION IF YOU FEEL YOU MUST, AND THEN FINISH UP BY READING THE "INTRIGUED" OR "CHANCE ENCOUNTERS," PERSONAL ADS TO SEE IF YOUVE CAUGHT ANYONES FANCY OF LATE.....
"YOU SMILED AT ME IN THE CHECKOUT LANE AT TRESET ON 12/13 AND I FELL INSTANTLY IN LOVE WITH YOU.. IM FABULOUSLY HANDSOME AND WANT TO PAY YOUR WAY THROUGH SCHOOL."
LET'S SEE..WAS I THERE THAT DAY?? WELL LET'S SEE-IT WAS A SUNDAY..UM...GOSH, I DON'T THINK SO.....DANG.

BITCHY BUTCH RETURNS


LIFE SUCKS THIS WORLD SUCKS PEOPLE SUCK HETEROS SUCK EVERYTHING SUCKS THIS CITY SUCKS THAT DOG SUCKS THAT KID SUCKS THIS STREET SUCKS AND I SUCK I FEEL LIKE A PIECE OF SHIT AND I AM PROBABLY FUCKED UP
hee hee hee

*CENSORED!
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oh. DEAR.. I can't let my HUSBAND see me this way..
oh. I KIND OF LIKE IT..
LA
No WONDER this [redacted] world is so... FUCKED UP.. it's being RUN by all These - - - - - HETEROS
At least I found a LESBIAN Paper.. a small piece of SANITY in a sick and twisted world... and... and.. hmm...
LESBIANEWS
..a.. LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP... I remember going to those all The TIME back in the Good Old Days...
It sure would be nice if all the MEN just... DROPPED DEAD tomorrow!
And if the MENS books were put in a SEPARATE PART OF The LIBRARY.
WOMENS MUSIC FESTIVAL
Maybe we ought to just BURN them all..
I dunno... I used to know a guy who WASN'T a TOTAL, COMPLETE MONSTER...
LESBIANS MADE FLANNEL SHIRTS TRENDY YEARS AGO!
This might be JUST what I need.. some SISTERS to talk with...

SHIT! Where IS this place? All I see is same.. Teenage Hooker Rap Group.. I'll bet this stupid paper got the NUMBER MIXED UP! FIGURES! These stupid women's papers are ALWAYS screwing things up like this... SHIT!
[Rm 302]
EXCUSE ME..... I'm looking for the..... ..... DYKES!
This is IT! Come on IN!
HI!
oh SHIT... well- as long as I'm HERE..
These little sluts have a LOT to learn about being LESBIANS! SHIT! They don't know what it MEANS to be a DYKE! AND THEY NEVER WILL! Our beautiful heritage is being FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET by these little whores! It makes me SICK..
YOU know how it feels when somebody tries to shove that... POLITICAL CORRECTNESS down your throat-
I remember when being POLITICALLY CORRECT was.. GOOD! These kids don't know how PATHETIC they are.. at LEAST THAT one shows some promise .. she's even wearing a Flannel shirt and BOOTS..
YEAH.. some of my LESBIAN friends have COPPED AN ATTITUDE JUST 'cause I wouldn't dump my BOYFRIEND

ONLY I AM A REALESBIAN*!!!!
* NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH REALENG®
STOMP
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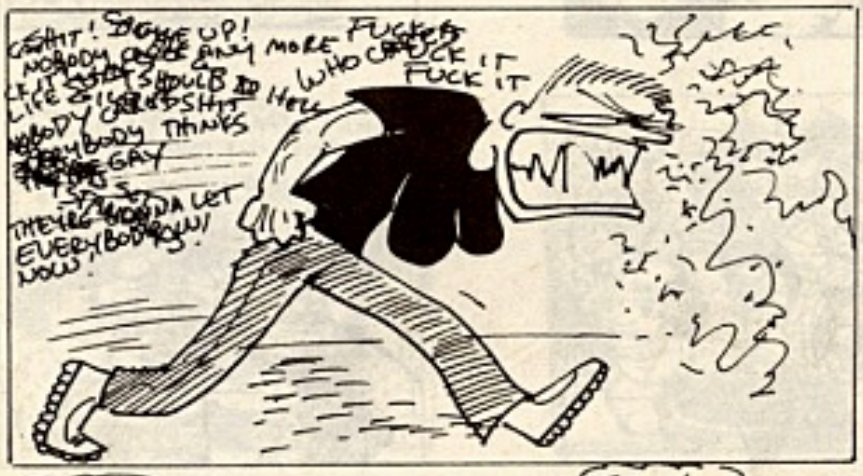
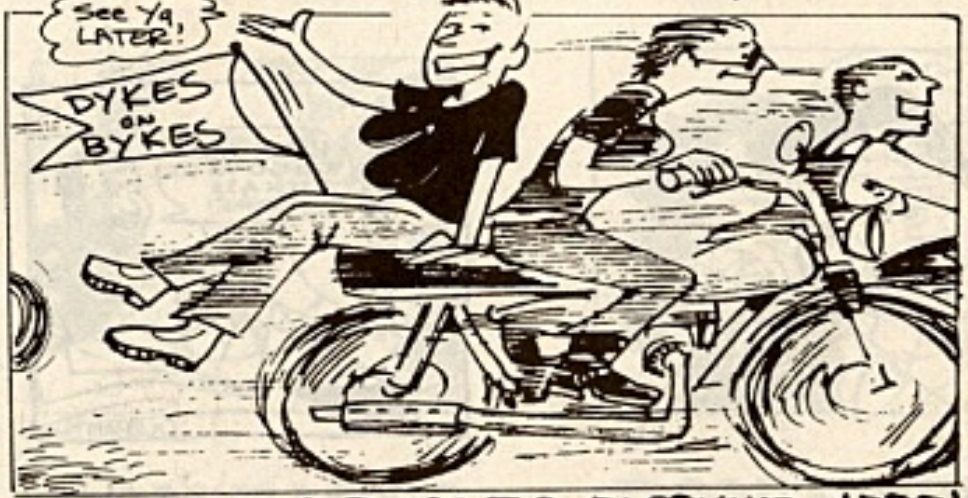
I ought to just... GIVE UP... what's the USE -- why go ON.... -- maybe I'll check out the PERSONALS..
hey! There's a - GAY PRIDE PARADE This weekend!
GODDESS CIRCLE
MORE LESBIANS!
GOOD NEWS FOR DYKES
what a FINE day for a parade..
DYKE
Maybe there ARE a few women left in this world who are PROUD to be DYKES! None of these COCK SUCKING, LIPSTICK-LICKING WANNABE HETEROS— Women who KNOW what it is to be a DYKE! CARRYING along the TORCH... And.. um.. maybe a few GAY guys who'll just SHUT UP and leave us ALONE.... Sounds like it's already STARTED....





SEE? THERES A PLACE FOR EVERYONE HERE!

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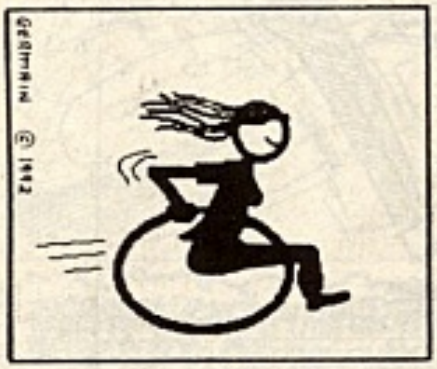

LESBIANS WHO WEAR LIPSTICK
GAYS + LESBIANS WHO UNITE AROUND POLITICALLY INCORRECT ISSUES
QUEERS WHO PREFER SEX ON BEDS OF MARSHMALLOWS
JEWISH LESBIAN LOVERS OF WOMEN OF COLOR
GAYS INTO WEARING FUR
LESBIANS & GAYS WHO OUT THEIR PETS

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

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SO, YOU WOMEN MUST BE HERE BECAUSE OF YOUR STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT!
YEAH...RIGHT... HEY! CHECK OUT THAT REDHEAD!
MMM...AND THE WOMAN BEHIND HER— TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME!
I'LL TAKE THAT ONE IN LEATHER!
CAMPER ©92

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

...WE HAVE TO ACCEPT OUR OWN DIFFERENCES, JUST AS WE ASK SOCIETY TO ACCEPT THAT WE ARE DIFFERENT.
BUT WHAT WE HAVE THAT IS THE SAME... THAT WE LIVE... THAT WE LOVE...
THAT WE ARE A PART OF THE HUMAN RACE...
THAT CAN NEVER BE DENIED, AS LONG AS WE BELIEVE IN THOSE FACTS OURSELVES.
USE YOUR DIFFERENCES TO CREATE THE CHANGE THAT IS NEEDED. USE YOUR SAMENESS TO HOLD THOSE CHANGES TOGETHER.
AND REMEMBER TO LOOK ...UP IN THE SKY...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'LL SEE SOMETHING QUEER FLYING BY!
SENTINEL!
YEAH!
SENTINEL!
WOOOHH
SENTINEL!
GREAT SPEECH, SENTINEL.
VERY POWERFUL.
THANKS. GREAT PRIDE FESTIVAL YOU'VE ALL PUT ON.
NICE TO SEE YOU HERE, COUNCILWOMAN MENDEZ.
LIKEWISE, SENTINEL. YOU'VE GIVEN ME A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW.
WHERE'S THE NLA BOOTH?
HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE
DOWN THAT WAY, RIGHT BY THE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE.

SENTINEL

"PRIDE AND JOY"

Written by ANDY MANGELS

Illustrated by J.A. FLUDD

SENTINEL costume by GREG PHILLIPS

HEY, SENTINEL! YOU DON'T NEED A BOY SIDEKICK, DO YOU?
NO, BUT IF I DID, YOU'D BE AT THE TOP OF THE LIST.
NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION PHOTO with CAPTAIN CHROME $5.00 PROCEEDS TO ACTION AGAINST AIDS
BETTER GET THAT PICTURE QUICK, THIS GUY'S HEAVY!
SSOCIATION
FLATTERY WILL GET YOU EVERY-WHERE, YOU BRUTE!
SAY "BIG DICKS"!
BIG DICKS!
YOU TAKE CARE NOW. I'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.
YOU BET!
PRIDE
THANK YOU, CAPTAIN.
CAPTAIN, IT'S GOOD TO MEET YOU. I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU FROM THE COAST.
SENTINEL! I WAS HOPING YOU'D COME BY. YOU'VE BEEN... WELL, QUITE AN EXAMPLE.
I HEARD YOU WANTED TO TALK WITH ME ABOUT SOMETHING?
IN PRIVATE, IF WE COULD. DIANE, CAN I TAKE A FEW?
GO AHEAD. WE'LL HOLD DOWN THE FORT.
LET'S FIND A PLACE AWAY FROM THE CROWDS.

THIS LOOKS GOOD.
SO, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
WELL, IT'S KIND OF DIFFICULT, BUT I CAN'T DISCUSS IT WITH ANY OF THE OTHER HEROES. THEY'RE TOO STRAIGHT, OR TRYING TO PRETEND THEY ARE.
YOU WERE THE FIRST TO COME OUT, AND I GUESS I JUST NEED SOME ADVICE.
EVERYONE THINKS I'M THIS BIG RADICAL OR THAT I'M NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT, OR...
HOLD ON. I'VE HEARD OF A LOT OF GOOD THINGS THAT YOU'VE DONE. YOU'RE HELPING PEOPLE COME TO GRIPS WITH GAYS AS MUCH AS I AM.
YOU'RE VISIBLE AND YOU'RE HELPING...
BUT AM I? DO YOU THINK I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING? FIRST PEOPLE SAID I WAS TOO YOUNG AND EAGER. THEN I WAS TOO "IN YOUR FACE."
I GET ATTACKED BY THE STRAIGHTS FOR BEING QUEER AND BY THE QUEERS FOR "PROMOTING" LEATHER. I MEAN, MY COSTUME GETS MORE NASTY COMMENTS THAN I'D EVER EXPECTED.
I'VE GOT MORE CLOTHING ON THAN A GUY IN SHORTS, AND YET EVERYONE SAYS I'M EXPOSING MYSELF. I THINK SOME OF THE STRAIGHT SUPER-HEROES HAVE MORE KINKY COSTUMES THAN I DO.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'LL ADMIT TO RAISING AN EYEBROW, THE FIRST TIME I SAW A PICTURE OF YOU. BUT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THEATRICAL. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE NOTICED.
YOU CAN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IF NO ONE NOTICES YOU'RE TRYING, WHETHER IT'S CATCHING THE ATTENTION OF A SUPER-VILLAIN...
...OR THE VOTING PUBLIC. I GUESS IT COMES DOWN TO THE MEANS AND ENDS. YOU MAY HAVE DIFFERENT MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME ENDS I WANT TO.
I MAY NOT AGREE WITH YOUR METHODS ALL OF THE TIME, BUT I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO DO WELL.
I SAW THAT BACK AT THE PHOTO BOOTH. I CAN FEEL IT FROM YOU.
YOU ARE YOUNG. YOU ARE A LITTLE... BRASH SOMETIMES. BUT YOU'LL CHANGE THE THINGS YOU NEED TO CHANGE IN YOURSELF, AND YOU'LL HELP BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN OTHERS.
WE'RE LEADERS OF A SORT, PIONEERS. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANY LEADER WHO DIDN'T HAVE OPPOSITION.
THE SMART ONES KNEW WHEN TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN OPPOSITION AND MUTINY.
AND YOU'RE ONE OF THE SMART ONES, CAPTAIN.
THANKS. I HOPE THAT'S TRUE.
I NEED TO GET BACK AND DO A FUND-RAISING BOOTH MYSELF. DID THIS HELP?

YEAH.
IT CAN BE, BUT I NEED SOMETHING TO KEEP ME WARM.
BY THE WAY, IT'S ZACH. ZACH MARTIN. DON'T SPREAD IT AROUND, THOUGH. I STILL HAVE SOME SECRETS LEFT.
GLAD TO KNOW YOU. IF YOU EVER NEED TO TALK, GIVE ME A CALL.
I WILL. THANKS AGAIN.
THERE'S ONE THING I WILL ASK ABOUT YOUR COSTUME, CAPTAIN. ISN'T THE CAPE KIND OF... UNWIELDY?
HI, JILL. SORRY IF I'M LATE. WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE?
SENTINEL
YOU'RE BREAKING AT 3:00 TO DO AN INTERVIEW WITH "QUEER," AND CHANNEL 6 IS DOING A LIVE TAPING AND MAY WANT TO GET A WORD OR TWO. LOOKS LIKE A BIG CROWD.
HUHHHHH... IF ANY OTHER NEWS CREWS COME BY SEND THEM OVER TO THE NLA TABLE WITH CAPTAIN CHROME.
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S...
YES. I DO.
THANKS A LOT.
YOU'RE WELCOME. AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.
AND WHAT CAN I DO FOR... FOR...

"...YOU!"
I WASN'T SURE YOU'D REMEMBER...
FIREMAN CONLIN, RIGHT?
YEAH. ACTUALLY, IT'S TRENT.
SORRY, I DON'T USUALLY DO THAT.
NO COMPLAINTS FROM ME. HOW MUCH DO I OWE FOR THAT?
UH... A VISIT BACK HERE AT 3:30.
YOU GOT IT.
THANKS, DIEDRE. DO ME A FAVOR, PLEASE, AND TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR TEAM DOESN'T JUST SHOW THE DRAG QUEENS. I KNOW THEY'RE FLASHY, BUT THEY'RE ONLY ONE PART OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.
NO PROBLEM.
SO,..
YES?
I'M A LITTLE... NERVOUS.
GOOD. SHOWS YOU'RE HUMAN.
NOT THE END...

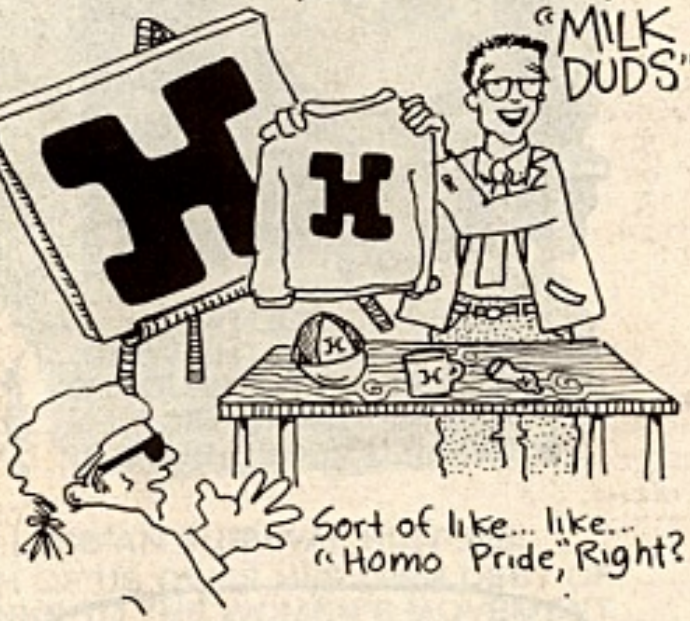
Dan White served 5½ years ... for "voluntary manslaughter" and received no Psychiatric treatment in Prison ...

FIRST THEY MADE A MOVIE ABOUT JFK ... THEN MALCOLM X ... I WONDER WHAT WILL THEY DO TO:

HARVEY

PRODUCTION HAS BEGUN... THE LICENSING DEALS HAVE BEEN STRUCK...

And... introducing...



Sort of like... like... "Homo Pride," Right?

BUT, AS THE CAMERA ROLLS... I WONDER IF ANYONE HAS REMEMBERED TO SHOW THAT HARVEY BELIEVED IN TOUCHING ON ISSUES COMMON TO US ALL

(Harvey "planted" the dog shit...)

I WONDER IF ANYONE HAS REMEMBERED TO REPEAT HIS WORDS...

"Somewhere in Desmoines or SanAntonio... there is a young gay person who all of a sudden realizes that he or She is gay... And then one day the Child might open a newspaper and read "Homosexual elected in San Francisco" .... And there are two new options: The first option is to move to California!! OR STAY IN SAN ANTONIO AND **FIGHT !!!!** "

SIGH... I DUNNO... I JUST HOPE ROBIN WILLIAMS DOESNT SLIP INTO HIS "POPEYE" VOICE...

"He got away with Murder!!!"... "We want Justice!!"

You can Replace a Police Car!! But you can't Replace Harvey!!! (TOM AMMIANO) ... "Twinkie Defense" ... "We are reacting with ANGER because we are ANGRY!!!" (Harry Britt) ... "The People United will never be defeated!!!"

LESBIAN SURVIVAL HINT #212:
IF YOU KEEP SOMETHING LONG ENOUGH, IT ALWAYS COMES BACK IN STYLE.

THROWING POLITICAL-CORRECTNESS TO THE WIND, DOUGLAS SECRETLY ENJOYED *RED MEAT* WITH HIS STIR-FRIED VEGETABLES.

LESBIAN SURVIVAL HINT #221:
TO LEARN THE LESBIAN LANGUAGE ONE MUST START WITH THE VOWELS.

LESBIAN SURVIVAL HINT #230:
IT'S NATURAL TO MAKE A FEW MISTAKES WHEN YOU FIRST COME OUT.

LESBIAN SURVIVAL HINT #58:
EACH OF US OWES HER OWN DEBT OF THANKS TO THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT.

LESBIAN SURVIVAL HINT #76:
SOMETIMES NURTURE JUST CAN'T OVERCOME NATURE.

LESBIAN SURVIVAL HINT #158:
WE ALL HAVE A WAY OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.

ARTSY BOOKS ALWAYS MADE GAYLE AND ABBY FEEL SOMEHOW INADEQUATE.

QUEER SIR . . .

Keep sending your letters. All the ***Gay Comics*** cartoonists love feedback!

Dear Andy,

After finding twelve issues of **Gay Comics** *over the years, I thought they had been discontinued. On a recent trip to San Francisco, I found* **#13-15** *at A Different Light on Castro. I'm ordering* **#9** *and* **#16** *directly, but that doesn't solve my problem of obtaining future issues. I just can't find them in Houston, damn it!*

Like you, I would also like to find issue #2 of Gay Heartthrobs. *I only have #1 and #3. Maybe there wasn't an issue #2?*

Anyway, keep up the good work with **Gay Comics**. *We'll support you — if we can find you!*

Jim Carper
Houston, Texas

I finally got *Gay Heartthrobs #2* at the San Diego Comic Con! It exists. As to ordering back issues, see the inside back cover for info. — Andy

Dear Andy,

Bravo! Hurrah! Good Show! Hot! Words of praise for your **Gay Comix Special #1** *featuring Tim Barela's "Leonard & Larry." I'd been following them (sort of) through the* Advocate *and was sorely disappointed that they were dropped. I thank you and Tim and anyone else involved. Leonard & Larry's issue sold out quickly here — something to do with being prominently displayed in the front window of Madison's "Pick-A-Book" store on State St.*

I look forward to Alison Bechdel's "No Dykes To Watch Out For" Special.

Ben Doran
Madison, WI

Wanted: more stores like Madison's Pick-A-Book. Readers, this is the only way for us to sell better. If your stores don't carry it, give them our address, or give us theirs so we can send them a mailing.

Also, Tim is working on a trade paperback collection of his work with Palliard Press, which should be out late this year. It will feature not only lots of "Leonard & Larry," but also some of his early biker 'toons! — Andy

Dear Tim Barela and the Staff of **Gay Comics**,

Congratulations, Kudos, and an abbreviated missive to let you know how stupendous you are. **Gay Comix Special #1** *was a masterpiece, and the back cover for* **#14** *was beautiful!*

The continuity and flow of the **Special** *was breathtaking. Interesting that Tim signed his name "Barlea" on the first page strip. I hope to be subscribing soon, as I haven't missed an issue since* **Gay Comix***'s inception. More for this fan for life!*

Roy Gibbons, Jr.
Oakland, CA

Thanks for spotting Tim's misspelling, one of the few that slipped past my eagle eye, but the only time he misspelled his own name! Makes me feel better about accidentally putting two "Ls" in his name on the back cover! — Andy

Dear Andy,

I am so glad that **Gay Comics** *is here for us, your gay readers. I've read comics for what seems like forever. There were no role models for me — no one to identify with. Two or three years ago, I found* **Gay Comix #6-12**, *and was fascinated. Finally I got to see gay and lesbian characters in my much-loved comics, and not characters like Northstar.*

Now I am a comic store manager. I've requested that the owner carry the title, and she agreed to carry a few issues to see how it sells.

I particularly enjoy Tim Barela's "Leonard & Larry." I liked "Grizzly & Ted," but I hope they're not replacing L & L. I realize they're only cartoons, but I would miss them if they were gone. I also enjoy Jerry Mills' "Poppers," Howard Cruse's Wendel, *"Jayson," "Castro," the Sparkle Spinsters, and Patrick Marcel's various strips. I was exceedingly pleased to see Ivan Velez, Jr. I've loved all of his* Tales From The Closet, *and wish there were more, on a monthly basis.*

I'll continue to wait, read, and enjoy your great work.

Cliff Roberts
Dallas, Texas

Tim will be starting a new strip (not "Grizzly & Ted") for us later this year, in addition to continuing work on "Leonard & Larry" for *Frontiers*. Patrick Marcel will be popping up later this year, and next issue will have more Ivan Velez! How's that for service? — Andy

Dear Andy,

I immensely enjoyed **Gay Comix Special #1**. *I just can't get enough of "Leonard & Larry." I hope you will encourage Tim Barela to do more — much, much more!*

Thanks for your work. I have all 12 **Gay Comix** *in my collection. We have a local cartoonist that I like named Eric Orner. He does a weekly strip called "The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green." Have you seen it?*

Charles Bedard
Cambridge, MA

All twelve ***Gay Comics***? This is ***#17***, so you're missing a few, Charles. I met Eric at this year's *OutWrite* and invited him to participate, but he declined. -- Andy

We'll see you next issue, with more comics, more fun, and more letters!

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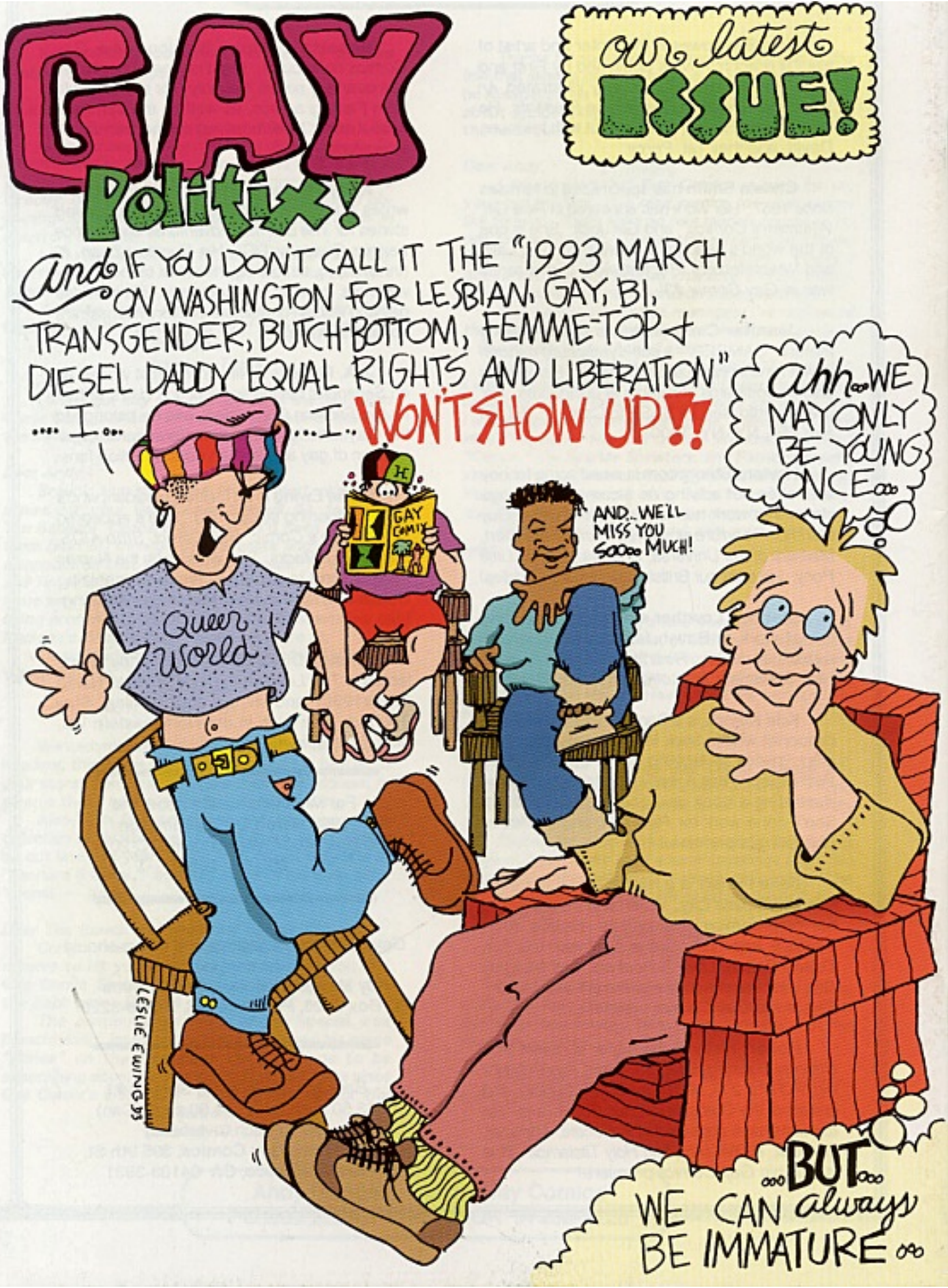
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